

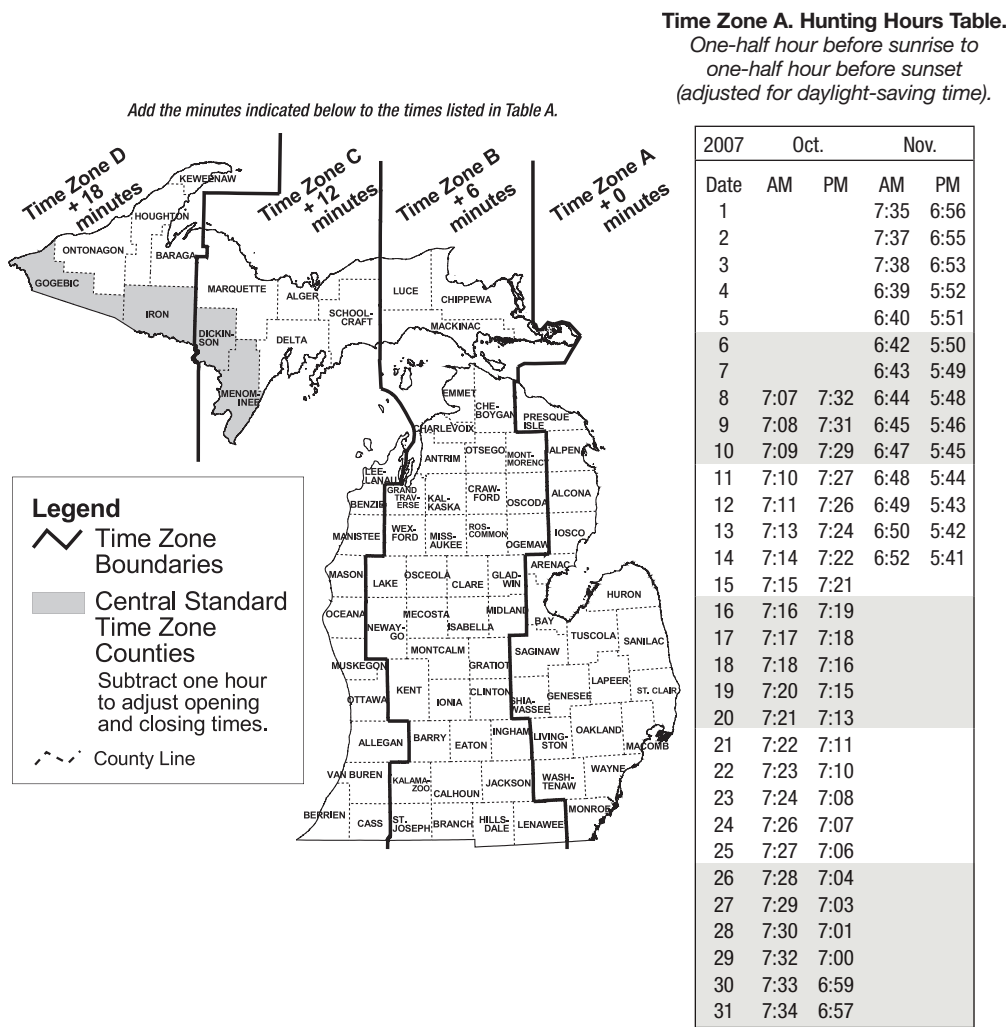
## REPORT ALL POACHING

Call: 800-292-7800

### Fall Turkey Hunting Hours

Below is a map of the 2007 hunting hour zones. Actual legal hunting hours (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour before sunset) for Time Zone A are printed below. To determine the opening (a.m.) or closing (p.m.) time for any day in another zone, add the minutes shown on the map for the zone to the time from the Time Zone A table.

The hunting hour listed in the table reflects Eastern Standard Time adjusted for daylight-saving time where appropriate. If you are hunting in Gogebic, Iron, Dickinson or Menominee counties (Central Standard Time), you must make an additional adjustment to the printed time by subtracting one hour.



### Wild Turkey Management

Managing wild turkeys in Michigan involves the complex interactions of turkey populations, their habitat and their relationship to people. Hunting plays an important role in the management of turkeys by regulating their numbers. The goal of the spring wild turkey hunting season is to maximize hunter opportunity while maintaining a satisfactory hunting experience. Limited to bearded turkeys only, this conservative harvest approach has allowed the continued growth and expansion of the wild turkey population in Michigan. Wild turkey hunting in the fall enables the DNR to stabilize or reduce wild turkey numbers in certain areas of the state to meet local goals based on habitat conditions and public attitudes. License quotas are developed to harvest the desired number of turkeys to meet the management goal. To help reach these goals, hunters are encouraged to harvest female turkeys during the fall season.

### Wild Turkey Cooperator Patch

Michigan's wild turkey patch program is coordinated by the Michigan chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, in partnership with the DNR. Young hunters, ages 10-17, who have a valid wild turkey hunting license may receive a free patch. To receive a patch, please send name and complete address, along with a legible copy of the youth's valid wild turkey hunting license, to National Wild Turkey Federation, Wild Turkey Patch Program, P.O. Box 8, Orleans, MI 48865.

Adult hunters, collectors and other interested individuals may purchase the patch for \$5, including postage and handling. Only the current year patch is available for purchase. You do not have to harvest a turkey to purchase a patch. Send orders to the address above, and please make your check or money order payable to the National Wild Turkey Federation.

The NWTf is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the American wild turkey and the preservation of the hunting tradition. Proceeds from patch sales are used to fund wild turkey-related projects in Michigan. Each year the NWTf, working cooperatively with the DNR, contributes more than \$300,000 to wild turkey and hunter-heritage programs in Michigan.



## General Rules

**Hunting Hours**—It is unlawful to take or attempt to take a turkey except from 1/2 hour before local sunrise to 1/2 hour after local sunset. See the hunting hours in this guide.

**Bag Limit**—One turkey (any sex) per licensed hunter. It is unlawful to tag a turkey you did not kill, use a tag of another, use a tag more than once or allow another person to use your tag. Turkeys may not be taken while they are in a tree.

**Hunting Methods**—Hunters may use a bow and arrow, a firearm that fires a fixed shotgun shell, or a muzzleloading shotgun for turkey hunting. It is illegal to use or carry afield any other firearm. The prohibition on carrying any other type of firearm does not apply to pistols carried under authority of a concealed pistol license or properly carried under authority of a specific exception from the requirement of a concealed pistol license. When taking wild turkey, a person shall not use or carry afield any ammunition except shotgun shells loaded with no. 4 or smaller shot or no. 4 or smaller loose shot for use in muzzleloading shotguns. You may hunt turkeys from an elevated stand or tree using only a bow and arrow. Turkeys may be hunted with dogs during the fall season. The use or possession of electronic devices that imitate wild turkey calls is illegal.

**Authority to Hunt**—A person shall not hunt wild turkeys in any area or during any hunt period other than the area and hunt period designated on their license.

**Validating Kills**—Immediately upon killing a turkey, a person shall validate their license by notching out the appropriate information as instructed on the license and securely attaching the license around a leg of the bird. A person shall not have in their possession or transport a turkey unless the validated license is attached to a leg of the bird.

**Baiting Prohibited**—It is unlawful to make use of bait to aid in the taking of a wild turkey. For the purpose of this regulation, “bait” means a substance composed of grain, fruit, vegetables or other food placed to lure or entice wild turkeys. This does not apply to standing farm crops (normal agricultural practices) or other natural growing grains, fruits or vegetables.

**License**—The license is not valid unless signed by the successful applicant. Licenses cannot be altered or transferred. It is unlawful to obtain or purchase more than one fall turkey hunting license.

**Decoys**—Mechanical, electronic or live decoys are prohibited. Mechanical decoy means any device that by design or construction uses motion as a visual stimulus to attract a wild turkey, except a wind sock or similar decoy body anchored at a fixed point into the ground and whose only motion is derived exclusively by power of the natural wind.

### Recreational Trespass

This law requires permission from the landowner or lease holder before you may hunt on any farmlands or connected woodlots or on any fenced or posted private lands and prohibits discharge of a firearm within the right-of-way of public roads adjacent to these lands without permission of the landowner.

### Poachers Beware: Hunters are Watching

Violations of turkey hunting regulations, including application violations, are misdemeanors. Misdemeanors may be punishable by 5 to 90 days imprisonment, and \$200 to \$1,000 fines, and license revocation for up to three years. Reimbursement to the state for unlawful taking of a wild turkey is \$1,000 per animal. You can report all poaching by calling 800-292-7800.

### Facts You Should Know

- Hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing contribute more than \$3 billion annually to our economy.
- Recreation related to fish and wildlife conservation is vital to Michigan's economy, directly supporting more than 33,000 jobs.
- More than 76% of the DNR's budget comes from funds that are restricted by law on how and why they can be spent. One of those funds is the Game and Fish Protection Fund (hunting and fishing license fees) that provide nearly one-third of that total.
- DNR receives little money from general tax dollars (General Fund). In fact, out of the DNR's total budget, only 9% comes from the General Fund—and half of that 9% goes to local governments, with only the remaining 4.5% to conservation.
- In contrast, just 10 years ago, 23.3% of DNR's budget came from the General Fund.
- Last time hunting, trapping and fishing license fees were increased by Legislature was in 1996.
- DNR has initiated \$8 million in program reductions over the past three years.
- If nothing changes, Game and Fish Protection Fund will have a deficit of \$9 million-\$11 million by 2007-08, and by 2009-10, this deficit balloons to \$45.9 million.
- Cuts in conservation programs not only threaten our fish, wildlife and public land resources, they also threaten Michigan's economy.

Drawing results will be posted August 27 at [www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings)

Applicants who did not apply online will be mailed a postcard by September 5.

### Assistance

If you encounter problems with your fall wild turkey application, you can obtain assistance by calling (517) 373-1263. All inquiries regarding your application must be made prior to August 3. Following the drawing, you can call this number if you also need assistance with purchasing a license or if you have not received a notification card by September 5.

### Leftover Licenses

If any licenses remain after the drawing, unsuccessful applicants may purchase one leftover license in person at any license agent on a first-come, first-served basis for a one-week period beginning September 10 at 10 a.m. (EDT). Any licenses that remain as of September 17 at 10 a.m. (EDT) also will be available for purchase over the counter by individuals who did not apply for a fall wild turkey license. These licenses will be sold until the quota is met. It is unlawful to purchase more than one fall turkey hunting license.

### Apprentice Hunting License

A person who does not have a hunter safety certificate may purchase an apprentice hunting license. An apprentice hunter may purchase this license for two license years before he or she must successfully complete a hunter safety course. The apprentice hunting license is available to residents and nonresidents.

Apprentice hunters under age 17, when afield, must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone 21 or older designated by their parent or guardian. This individual must possess a valid, regular hunting license to hunt the same game as the apprentice hunter. “Accompanied by” requires the adult to be able to come to the immediate aid of the other person and staying within a distance from the other person that permits uninterrupted, unaided visual and verbal contact. Apprentice hunters 17 and older, when afield, must be accompanied by someone 21 or older, who possesses a valid, regular hunting license to hunt the same game as the apprentice hunter.

For hunting wild turkey, mentors of the apprentice need a valid turkey hunting license, but they do not need a permit for same hunt unit/period as the apprentice. A person may accompany no more than two apprentice hunters while hunting.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the State's natural resources for current and future generations.

The Natural Resources Commission is the governing body for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In providing a strategic framework for the DNR to effectively manage the state's resources, the NRC works closely with a broad cross-section of constituencies to establish and continuously improve natural resources management policy.

## Department of Natural Resources Directory

WILDLIFE • P.O. BOX 30444 • LANSING MI 48909-7944 • 517-373-1263

[www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

Violations (RAP): 800-292-7800

The DNR Operations Service Centers listed below are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga  
427 US-41 North  
Baraga, MI 49908  
906-353-6651

Bay City  
503 N. Euclid Ave., Suite 1  
Bay City, MI 48706  
989-684-9141

Cadillac  
8015 Mackinaw Trail  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
231-775-9727

Gaylord  
1732 W. M-32  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
989-732-3541

Southfield  
26000 W. Eight Mile Rd.  
Southfield, MI 48034  
248-359-9040

Marquette  
1990 US-41 South  
Marquette, MI 49855  
906-228-6561

Newberry  
5100 M-123  
Newberry, MI 49868  
906-293-5131

Plainwell  
621 N. 10th St.  
Plainwell, MI 49080  
269-685-6851

Roscommon  
1-75 & M-18 South  
8717 N. Roscommon Rd.  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
989-275-5151

Rose Lake\*  
8562 E. Stoll Rd.  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
517-641-4903  
\*This is a field office

Thank you for purchasing a Michigan hunting license. Your hunting license dollars help restore and improve habitats for wildlife species, advance research on wildlife and wildlife-borne diseases, foster programs that help ensure access for public hunting, support hunter safety education and much more. We encourage you to keep hunting and to share your experiences with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's hunting heritage alive for future generations.



The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources provides equal opportunities for employment and access to Michigan's natural resources. Both state and federal laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age, sex, height, weight or marital status under the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 as amended (MI PA 453 and MI PA 220, Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act). If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility, or if you desire additional information, please write: Human Resources, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909-7528 or the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Cadillac Place, Suite 3-600, 3054 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202 or the Division of Federal Assistance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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## Application Information

### Locations

- You may apply:
  - At any authorized license agent
  - At DNR Operations Service Centers
  - Online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

### Requirements

- It costs \$4 to apply.
- To apply, you will need one of the following forms of identification:
  - Valid Michigan driver license
  - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
  - DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or DNR Web site)
- It is critical that you keep your mailing address up to date with the Secretary of State.
- You must be at least 10 years old by the time a license is purchased.

### Applicant Responsibilities

- When you apply, you are responsible for:
  - Submitting a single application. Applicants who apply more than once, falsify information, or apply with more than one party member will be ineligible for the drawing.
  - Ensuring that no more than two applicants apply as a party. The first applicant of each partnership will supply the hunt area choice and receive a “partnership identification” number. The other partner will need this ID number when applying to complete the partnership.
  - Checking that your information was correctly entered by the agent. An incorrect customer ID will cause you to become ineligible for a license.
  - Ensuring that you receive a DNR receipt. The DNR receipt clearly states your customer ID. **Do not accept a DNR receipt that is not legible.**
  - Retaining your DNR receipt as proof that you applied.

**IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to check your application receipt for accuracy.**

### Successful Applicants

- You may purchase your hunting license from any license agent or online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).
- All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase a Michigan hunting license.
- Make sure the information on your license is accurate.
- Licenses may not be altered or transferred.

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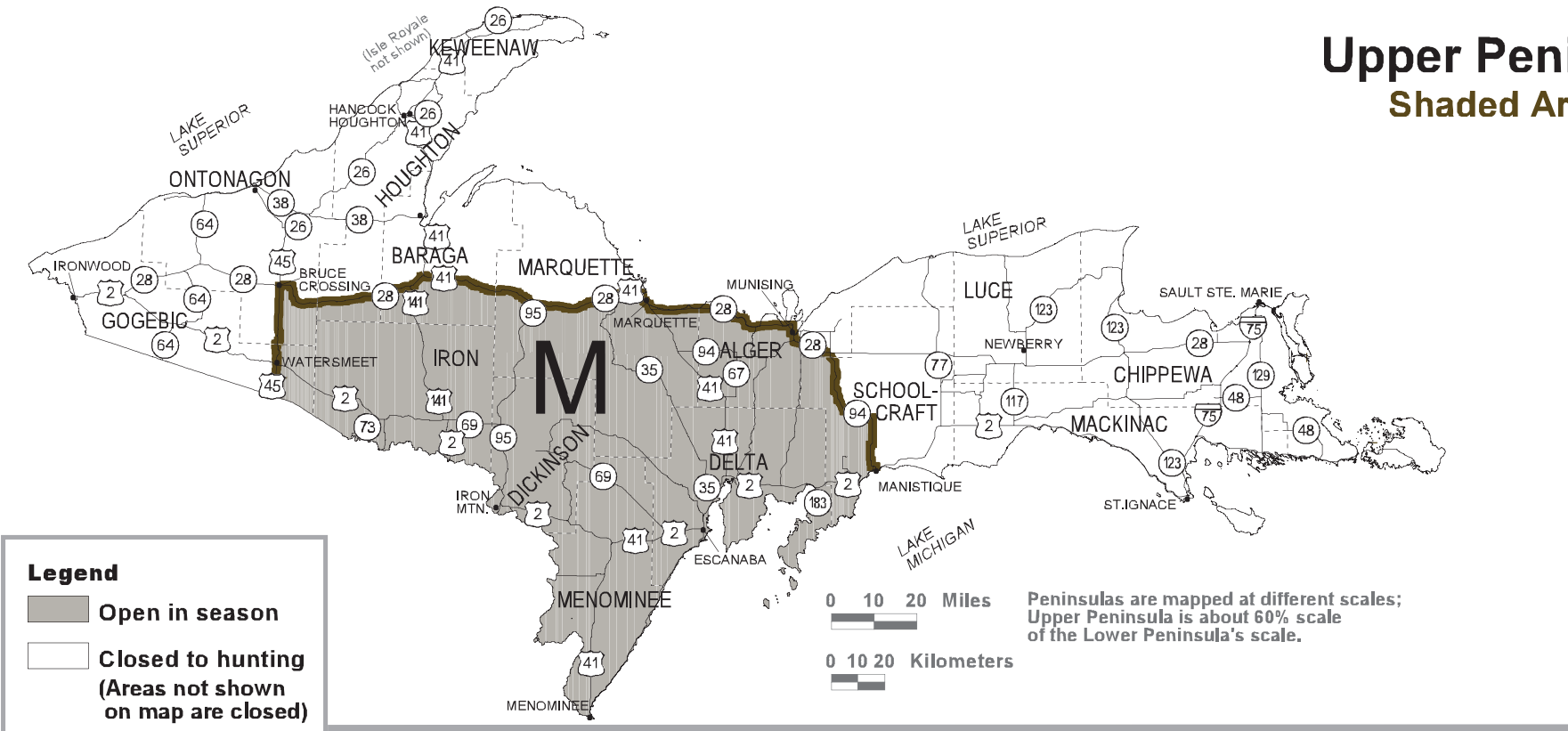


### Important Reminders

- No more than two applicants may apply as a party
- Report your hunting activity online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)
- It is unlawful to obtain or purchase more than one fall turkey hunting license

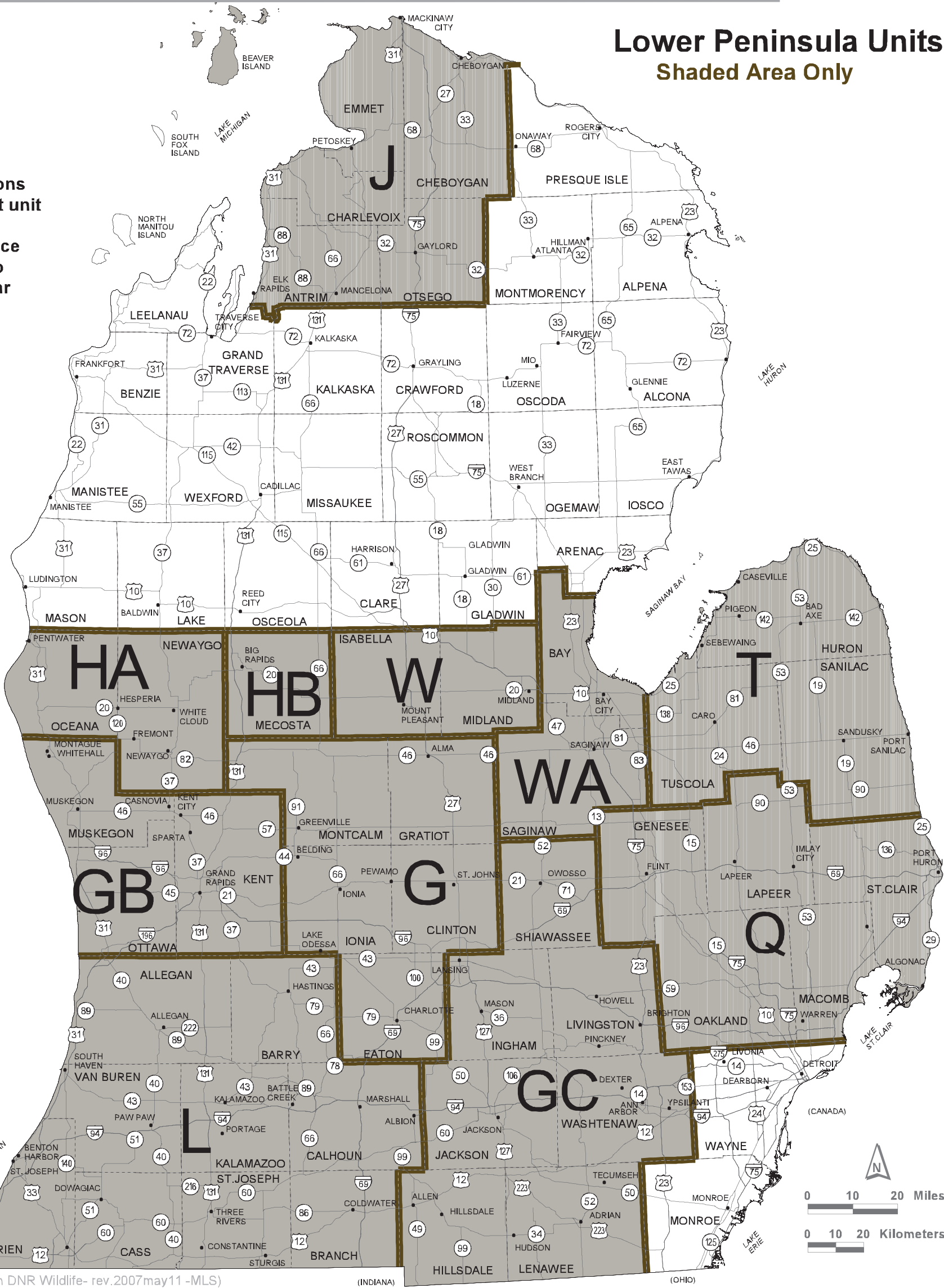


# 2007 Fall Turkey Hunting Units



## Upper Peninsula Unit Shaded Area Only

**NOTE:**  
For detailed descriptions of turkey management unit boundaries, contact a DNR Operations Service Center, or go online to [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)



## How to Apply

- 1 Look at the map and choose a hunt unit.
- 2 Find the hunt number for the hunt unit you chose. You may make only one choice.
- 3 Complete worksheet.
- 4 Apply at a license agent, or online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)
- 5 It is unlawful to apply more than once.
- 6 Check your receipt. Retain receipt as proof of application.

## Application Worksheet

The license agent will ask for the following information when applying:

1. Your birth date?                      \_ / \_ / \_
2. Customer ID number?                      Michigan Driver License, state of Michigan ID Card, or DNR Sportcard
3. Application item type?                      160 Fall Turkey Application
4. Joining existing party?                      No, if applying by yourself or you are the first person in a party to apply; (Go to item 6).  
Parties may not exceed 2 people                      Yes, if joining a partner (Go to item 5).
5. Party ID number?                      (                      ) (Same number as printed on your partner's receipt; none, if applying by yourself)
6. Hunt Number                      0 \_ \_ \_ \_ Enter last 3 digits  
(See table for hunt numbers)

**Note:** You must get a new party ID number each year, even if you apply for the same hunt number and have the same partner.

## 2007 Fall Wild Turkey Limited Quota Hunt Units

### General Licenses

Includes both public and private land

The general licenses listed below are valid on all land within the unit.

HUNT NUMBER	OPEN UNIT	OPEN SEASON	LICENSE QUOTA
0401	G	October 8-November 14	200
0402	GB	October 8-November 14	250
0403	GC	October 8-November 14	200
0404	J	October 8-November 14	2,000
0405	L	October 8-November 14	1,000
0406	M	October 8-November 14	8,500
0407	W	October 8-November 14	200

### Private Land Only Licenses

The private land licenses listed below are not valid on county, state or federal lands, except Hunt No. 413 (Unit L) may be used to hunt Fort Custer military lands with permission. You are encouraged to have permission to hunt private lands before applying for one of these licenses.

HUNT NUMBER	OPEN UNIT	OPEN SEASON	LICENSE QUOTA
0408	G	October 8-November 14	7,000
0409	GB	October 8-November 14	4,000
0410	GC	October 8-November 14	6,000
0411	HA	October 8-November 14	1,100
0412	HB	October 8-November 14	600
0413	L	October 8-November 14	20,000
0414	Q	October 8-November 14	3,000
0415	T	October 8-November 14	2,000
0416	W	October 8-November 14	2,000
0417	WA	October 8-November 14	1,000

## 2007 Fall Workshop Dates

The DNR, Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association (MWTHA), National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) and other groups are cooperating to offer wild turkey hunter orientation courses. The training sessions are open to anyone and may include turkey hunting methods, calling, regulations and population status. For details, contact:

September 22: Dundee Cabela's River Raisin Chapter, NWTf Workshops at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. John Smith (734) 529-4700	September 29 (10 a.m.): Clare Jay's Sporting Goods Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association Jim Maturen (231) 832-2575
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**NOTICE:** This brochure is not a legal notice, nor a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed guide issued for hunters' convenience. Copies of wildlife conservation orders can be obtained from our Web site, [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

## Fall Turkey License Costs

Item Number	Name	Cost
160	Fall Turkey Application	\$4.00
161	Fall Turkey Resident License	\$15.00
162	Fall Turkey Senior License	\$6.00
163	Fall Turkey Nonresident License*	\$69.00
261	Leftover Fall Turkey Resident License	\$15.00
262	Leftover Fall Turkey Senior License	\$6.00
263	Leftover Fall Turkey Nonresident License	\$69.00
620	Apprentice Fall Turkey Resident License	\$15.00
621	Apprentice Fall Turkey Senior License	\$6.00
622	Apprentice Fall Turkey Nonresident License*	\$69.00
623	Apprentice Leftover Fall Turkey Resident License	\$15.00
624	Apprentice Leftover Fall Turkey Senior License	\$6.00
625	Apprentice Leftover Fall Turkey Nonresident License	\$69.00

\*Nonresidents under age 17 may purchase a resident license.

If you have any questions, contact 517-373-1204.

It is unlawful to obtain or purchase more than one fall turkey hunting license.

## Understanding West Nile Virus

There have been cases of human infection occurring when laboratory personnel have accidentally cut themselves while examining infected birds. Therefore, as a precaution against blood-borne pathogens (both viral and bacterial), hunters should wear rubber or latex gloves when handling, cleaning and butchering dead animals. Tools used when processing gamebirds should be disinfected after use with bleach (10% solution) and washed in soapy water.

No humans have been infected by consuming the meat of an infected bird. However, the meat of birds should be cooked thoroughly; heating to an internal temperature of 170° to 180°F. Cooking to this temperature will kill West Nile Virus (WNV) as well as any bacteria present, thus eliminating any risk of infection.

If you see a turkey that appears to be acting abnormally (inability to fly, abnormal head posture, disoriented, having seizures), we are interested in testing this bird for WNV. Please contact your local DNR Field Office.

More information and DNR Field Office locations are available on the WNV Web site at [www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases](http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases)

## Turkey Hunter Reporting Option

Turkey hunters we need your help. After your hunting season has ended, please report your hunting activity on the Internet by visiting the Hunting section or Wild Turkey page at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr). Participation in this program is important to the future of turkey hunting. Information you provide will improve turkey management and ensure decisions regarding hunting seasons are based on the best information available.

## Wild Turkey Hunting Tips, Ethics and Safety

An important component to successful fall turkey hunting is locating birds. Scout for tracks, fresh droppings and feathers. Good areas for sighting flocks are in idle fields and woodlands and near logging trails.

In fall, turkeys spend most of their time feeding on insects and mast crops like acorns. Locate a good food source where birds are congregating and learn the habits of the birds.

Listen for the sounds of birds scratching in the leaves or listen for their "flock talk" as they come and go to roost. Roosting flocks may produce a wide variety of "yelps," "clucks," "kee-kees" and "gobbles."

Once a flock has been located, one hunting tactic is to scatter the flock. Approach the flock within 50 yards and flush the birds so they will scatter. A dispersed flock normally will begin to regroup within 15 to 30 minutes near the original point of separation.

Quickly set up at this spot. Begin calling the turkeys by imitating the same sounds made by the birds as the flock begins to reassemble. Poult's will give the kee-kee lost call mixed with yelps and clucks. Answer every turkey call heard with similar tone, pitch and rhythm. Using a decoy also may help fool birds into approaching your location.

Successful hunters sit still and allow the birds to come to them. Being camouflaged does not make you invisible. Movement is the greatest enemy of the turkey hunter. A turkey can detect and react to movement 10 times faster than a human. Even though camouflaged, you still are an unnatural form in the woods.

Do not attempt to stalk a turkey. First, that gobbler or hen you are stalking may turn out to be another hunter. Second, your chances of success are poor. At best, you might get a glimpse of tail feathers.

Do not jump and turn at a turkey approaching from behind. The chance of getting a good shot is very slim. Be patient, remain still and let the bird pass.

Assume another person is making every sound you hear. Many turkey hunters are very convincing callers. Always keep a safe distance. If a bird turns out to be another hunter, it could be very dangerous.

If another hunter is working a flock, do not interfere by calling or spooking the birds. Always give other hunters the same respect that you expect.

In fall, both hens and gobblers are legal targets. Make sure the bird is within range of the shotgun and shoot at the neck and head only.

Know the capabilities of your gun or bow and use it safely.

Be positive of your target. Once you pull the trigger, it is too late!